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As you have probably noticed, the name chosen by the Committee for our official publication is the APIC KEYNOTER. The name is distinctive and appropriate since the KEYNOTER will highlight our activities, just as a Keynote Address highlights the Parties accomplishments and sets the stage for greater things to come. The name was suggested by one of our newer members, M. J. Wenzel #188 — many of the newer collectors are avid and will make some of us sit up and take notice. New members always give life and vitality to a group and we always appreciate hearing your problems and the helps you expect from our organization, as it is easy to forget the problems and trials we all went through, when we were beginner collectors.

## OUR NEW SECY-TREAS.

Your President and his patient wife had a swell vacation trip and as usual we called on some of the finest people in the world, Political Americana collectors and their families. We viewed some wonderful collections, enjoyed some fine Eastern scenery, and added some really nice items, but the highlight of the trip was the filling of the office of APIC Secretary-Treasurer. FERDINAND W. O'BRIEN #103 of Midlothian, Illinois, (a Chicago suburb) has accepted the office and he has been enthusiastically approved by the Executive Board of APIC. Ferd is an avid and enthusiastic collector and has built a very fine collection in a short span of time. He has many new ideas and I'm sure he'll be a real asset to our organization, as he has had past experience with numismatic activities and organizations. He is eager to devote his time and talent to this office and its duties. Let's all make his job just as easy as we can, by being prompt with replies to correspondence, whether for dues, or any other matter.

A permanent feature of the KEYNOTER will be 'THE SECRETARY'S CORNER' -- look for Ferd's news and views on Page 3. Please refer all correspondence regarding changes of address, prospective members, dues, etc., to Ferd. In the near future you will receive formal APIC application blanks to pass on to your P. A. collector friends, who express an interest in joining our group. We don't want members just for the sake of numbers, but welcome all collectors of P. A. We believe we offer a common meeting place helpful to all, from beginner to advanced collectors,

## THE PRICE GUIDE

The APIC Price Guide is enclosed with this issue of the KEYNOTER. It isn't a pretentious looking work, but it is the first attempt at something like this, to my knowledge. Will be glad to have your reaction and comments so we may know where it should be expanded and enlarged or trimmed. To be of value and to keep with the current trends and prices, it will be reviewed and revised at least yearly. This is only a guide, not a price list; it's for APIC members only and will not be distributed to others. Thanks to the members of the Committee who answered the questioner, without your help this guide could not have been possible.

## OUR ROSTER BOOKLET

Have had many nice compliments on our 1962 Roster Booklet, glad you liked it. It was a completely new experience for me and it was really a lot of fun working it up. Be sure to make all of the changes of address and add the names of the new members in your booklet. Don't forget to add the name of Ferdinand W. O'Brien in the blank space provided for Secy.-Treas. on the first white page of the booklet.

## APIC BUTTON

Suppose you noticed our new celluloid button depicting our APIC emblem. It was attached as a part of our masthead, and you may use it as an item with your display, wear it, or file it in File #13, as you see fit. Hope the majority like it and anyone wishing an additional, may have one for 10¢ and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Chick Harris #139.

## CANDIDATE RESEARCH

Charles Williams #121, has done a masterful job in compiling the alphabetical listing of over 400 Presidential and V.P. Candidates on the tickets of all Parties. A final check is now in progress by the Committee which is composed of the following members: Monroe D. Ray #3, Charles H. McSorley, Jr. #38, Stephen Bibler #72, Wayne G. LaPoe #23, Edwin E. Puls #53 and Robert Lowe #174. The final draft will go to the printers upon completion of this final phase, thanks to all of you for your help. The next project, a listing of the presidential nominees will be started at the conclusion of the present project.

## THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Last July President and Mrs. Harris honored me with a visit and a showing of his fine collection. During the visit, he asked if I would fill the interim position of Secretary-Treasurer of our organization. I consented at once, not from a feeling of public spirit—but rather from a desire to help one who was pulling the whole load by himself. Since that time I have heard from APIC friends in all parts of the country, wishing me well, and offering help. I shall ask for it and know I'll get it.

I shall be most interested in hearing from some of our lady members—and hope to run a distaff column in a quarterly letter I plan to send.

I hope also that you will send me the 'brick-bats' and complaints, and promise to do what can be done about them. Please write me anytime and be assured of a reply.

Add these new members and changes of address to your 1962 roster:

### Changes of Address:

- # 72 Stephen Bibler; 5506 N. E. 73rd St., Seattle, 15, WASHINGTON
- # 111 Thurman Ridgway; 9135 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis 40, IND.

### Rejoined:

- # 104 Christopher F. Lennox, 11 Archer Place, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N.Y.

### New Members:

- # 192 Dave Frost; 2194 Concord Dr., Lakewood 7, OHIO; student (1-a-e-g-1) (216) AC6-3793
- # 193 Lyell D. Henry, Jr.; 1033 Danby Road, Ithaca, NEW YORK; graduate student (2-a-e-1)
- # 194 Robert L. Van Ryswyk; 630 Franklin, Pella, IOWA; barber, (2-a-e-1) MA8-4605
- # 195 William C. Rickrode; 1698 Susquehanna Trail, York, PENNA; supervisor, methods engineering, (3-a-b-e-d-1) 46-3181
- # 196 William B. Holloway; 9019 E. 32 Place, Tulsa, OKLAHOMA; sales engineer, (2-a-e-g-1) (918) NA7-6115

Your Secretary has a limited supply of the 1962 roster booklets. If any member desires an additional copy send a self addressed, stamped envelope.

Ferdinand W. O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer

## PERSONALIZED RUBBER STAMP

George W. Tabor #119 who is retired, has a rubber stamp business to help occupy the time when he isn't collecting buttons. Should any of you want a personalized rubber stamp it would be well if you would write to George for full details. His prices are very reasonable and he is offering an extra discount to all APIC members who wish to buy either a pocket or handle type rubber stamp. Arrangements have been made so that the APIC emblem (Approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " size) may be included as a part of your personalized stamp. It would probably save a lot of correspondence if you would submit a drawing of about what you want and how you wish it to look, so George can quote a specific price. You can then decide if he should go ahead with the work.

Should other members have something which is in line with a collectors needs and can offer at a saving, let your President know -- will be glad to offer in a future issue of the KEYNOTER.

## WANT STATIONERY

Are there enough members interested in personalized stationery and envelopes to make it worthwhile to contact a printer for prices? Stock could be printed with just the emblem and 'Member of American Political Items Collectors' and personalized with a rubber stamp, or at your local printers or possibly fully handled by the original source and sold to individual collectors who are members. Should any of you know of any local printers who may be interested in pursuing this further, please have them contact your President.

## P. A. PUBLICITY

As the KEYNOTER was going to press two members, V.P. Steve Bibler #72 and one of our newest members Dave Frost #192, sent lists they had prepared of national magazine articles about P. A. items or collections. Thanks to you both, for the lists and the idea.

Both were sure their lists weren't complete and Steve Bibler has volunteered to prepare a complete listing for our next issue. Send him a list of the articles you know of -- give publication, date of issue, page numbers, and a very short synopsis of the article.

Would you like a similar type of listing of P. A. books of special interest? Possibly later on a committee can undertake this big but very worthwhile project. Any volunteers?